

THE BIRTH OF SARA MEADE INGLIS

(Mr. TALENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to be here this morning because during our August recess a very significant event happened in the lives of one of our colleagues, and we did not have the opportunity to acknowledge it as a House because we were not in session.

Our good friend, and, Mr. Speaker, you know him well, the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. INGLIS] and his wife, Mary Anne, had their fifth child on August 7, 1996. She is Sara Meade Inglis; they are going to call her Meade. She was 6 pounds 13 ounces. I am sure she has grown since then. She has a brother, Robert, and three sisters: Mary Ashton, McCullough, and Andrews. So our good friend and colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. INGLIS] now has and his wife, Mary Anne, have one son and four daughters.

I am sure that the House joins me in wishing little Meade well and congratulating the Inglis family. There is no greater blessing in the life of any family than the birth of another child, and I am sure we all wish them health and happiness for many years.

MR. SPEAKER, SHOW SOME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, refresh my memory. Was not a big part of NEWT GINGRICH's so-called Contract With America personal responsibility?

Well, NEWT, here is your chance.

After 2 years of distortions, distractions and delays, you can finally show some personal responsibility.

The ethics committee has directed the special counsel to expand his investigation of you, to determine, in part, whether you failed to—quote—"provide accurate, reliable and complete information" to him.

It is all about personal responsibility.

You like to preach to legal immigrants about it. You like to preach to low-income Americans about it. You like to preach to vulnerable mothers and children about it. Now it is time for you to show some personal responsibility of your own.

Since reasons to expand this investigation have been found, you should step down.

NEWT, you are fond of saying that you are a revolutionary. Why do you not show a revolutionary change in your behavior?

Have enough decency to do what you screamed that Jim Wright should do 8 years ago—stop the embarrassment to

this institution, stop the embarrassment to this country—step aside as Speaker of the House.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE NORTH KOREANS

(Mr. KIM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday a North Korean submarine filled with armed commandos landed 60 miles into South Korean territory.

Upon infiltrating South Korea, the 26 North Korean espionage agents scattered into South Korea and have already killed 4 South Korean soldiers. Today, I am introducing a resolution condemning the North Koreans for this outrageous behavior.

Considering that we have 37,000 U.S. military personnel in South Korea helping to keep the peace, we cannot sit idly by as the Communist North continues to conduct these aggressive spy missions in the democratic South, our strong ally.

And yet, under the Clinton administration American taxpayer-funded aid to North Korea has grown faster than to any other country in Asia. President Clinton has even threatened to veto the Republican foreign operations bill because he says we are not giving enough aid to North Korea. Not enough?

Is this what Americans are subsidizing? Commando raids and military attacks on our own troops and our allies? I urge my colleagues to support my resolution.

REPUBLICAN DAMAGE IN THE 104TH CONGRESS

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the 104th Congress comes to a close, we look back on successes and failures, and I am proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that the Democratic Members can claim responsibility for some of the most impressive successes.

The minimum wage increase, it is a flagship of the Democratic agenda, and it focused on what American people really want. Next week American workers get the raise they deserve, a bipartisan success.

The Kennedy-Kassebaum health care bill came only after Democrats defended it against the House Republicans, who stonewalled for months.

Putting more money in people's pockets and providing employees with the option of portable health care are Democratic answers to Republicans' measures that have shaken Americans' confidence.

The 104th Congress began with an all-out onslaught on Medicare and education funding that the President and Democrats stopped cold.

The American people rightfully lost confidence in the Republican's ability to run Congress after two Government shutdowns and one looming next week. We can do much better. Americans cannot afford another Gingrich Congress.

We need to remember whom we represent, the hard-working Americans who want to better tomorrow, not a better yesterday.

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TRIBUTE TO S. SGT. HAMMETT L. BOWEN, JR.

(Mr. BARR of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in Vietnam in 1969, a platoon of men serving in the U.S. Army were advancing on a mission into enemy controlled territory when a crossfire of small arms erupted and grenades began exploding.

An enemy grenade was thrown directly at S. Sgt. Hammett L. Bowen, Jr., and his men just as Sergeant Brown shouted a warning. Fearlessly, Sergeant Bowen thrust himself on the grenade, absorbing the explosion and saving the lives of his fellow soldiers, but sacrificing his own.

For his heroic bravery, Sergeant Bowen, a La Grange, GA, native, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Hammett will also now be remembered by tens of thousands of travelers each year, when they travel Route 109 east in La Grange, now known as the Hammett L. Bowen, Jr. Memorial Highway.

I commend the Georgia Department of Transportation, as well as other State and local authorities for recognizing Hammett's sacrifice. As Americans, we owe our lives to the many men and women who serve our country, just as Staff Sergeant Bowen did, and who make it a safer and freer place in which all of us might live and prosper.

"OUR BIGGEST MISTAKE WAS BACKING OFF FROM THE GOV- ERNMENT SHUTDOWN," SAYS THE MAJORITY WHIP

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority, under the imperial Speaker, the gentleman from Georgia, NEWT GINGRICH, have become very upset when we look at their policies, and we call them and their policies extreme and radical. They get very upset.

Are they, really? I can read something that the majority whip has said. The gentleman from Texas, TOM DELAY, knows exactly when the GOP lost the momentum. "Our biggest mistake was backing off from the Government shutdown." That is right, folks.